

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A composition comprising:
 - (a) from about 1.0 to about 15.0% by weight of an anionic surfactant ;
 - (b) from about 3 to about 50% by weight of a C₁₋₄ alkyl ester of a C₆₋₂₂ saturated or unsaturated carboxylic acid primary solvent;
 - (c) from about 1.0 to about 15.0% by weight of a short-chain cosurfactant;
 - (d) from about 1 to about 25% by weight of a polar solvent having a water solubility of from about 1 to about 5 g/100 ml;
 - (e) up to about 10.0% by weight of a nonionic surfactant ;
 - (f) from about 0.05 to about 3.0% by weight of a thickening agent selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, and mixtures thereof; and
 - (f) remainder, water, all weights being based on the total weight of the composition.
2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the composition is terpene-free.
3. The composition of claim 1 wherein the anionic surfactant is present in the composition in an amount of from about 7.0 to about 10.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
4. The composition of claim 1 wherein the anionic surfactant is an isopropylamine salt of a linear alkylbenzene sulfonate acid.
5. The composition of claim 1 wherein the primary solvent is a C₆₋₁₄ methyl ester present in the composition in an amount of from about 18.0 to about 22.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
6. The composition of claim 1 wherein the primary solvent is a C₁₂₋₁₄ methyl ester.
7. The composition of claim 1 wherein short chain co-surfactant is present in the composition in an amount of from about 7.0 to about 10.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

8. The composition of claim 1 wherein the short-chain co-surfactant is propylene glycol n-butyl ether.
9. The composition of claim 1 wherein the nonionic surfactant is present in the composition in an amount of from about 2.0 to about 4.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
10. The composition of claim 1 wherein the nonionic surfactant is an alkoxylate C₁₂₋₁₄ fatty alcohol alkoxylated with 3 moles of ethylene oxide and 6 moles of propylene oxide.
11. The composition of claim 1 wherein the thickening agent is present in the composition in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 0.50% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
12. The composition of claim 1 wherein the thickening agent is hydroxypropyl cellulose.
13. The composition of claim 1 wherein the polar solvent is selected from the group consisting of benzyl alcohol, n-hexanol, a glycol phenyl ether, and mixtures thereof.
14. The composition of claim 1 wherein the polar solvent is present in the composition in an amount of from about 6 to about 10% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
15. A process for cleaning a hard surface comprising contacting the surface with a composition containing:
 - (a) from about 1.0 to about 15.0% by weight of an anionic surfactant;
 - (b) from about 3 to about 50% by weight of a C₁₋₄ alkyl ester of a C₆₋₂₂ saturated or unsaturated carboxylic acid primary solvent;
 - (c) from about 1.0 to about 15.0% by weight of a short-chain cosurfactant;
 - (d) from about 1 to about 25% by weight of a polar solvent having a water solubility of from about 1 to about 5 g/100 ml;
 - (e) up to about 10.0% by weight of a nonionic surfactant;

(f) from about 0.05 to about 3.0% by weight of a thickening agent selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, and mixtures thereof; and

(f) remainder, water, all weights being based on the total weight of the composition.

16. The process of claim 15 wherein the composition is terpene-free.
17. The process of claim 15 wherein the anionic surfactant is present in the composition in an amount of from about 7.0 to about 10.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
18. The process of claim 15 wherein the anionic surfactant is an isopropylamine salt of a linear alkylbenzene sulfonate acid.
19. The process of claim 15 wherein the primary solvent is a C₆₋₁₄ methyl ester present in the composition in an amount of from about 18.0 to about 22.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
20. The process of claim 15 wherein the primary solvent is a C₁₂₋₁₄ methyl ester.
21. The process of claim 15 wherein short chain co-surfactant is present in the composition in an amount of from about 7.0 to about 10.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
22. The process of claim 15 wherein the short-chain co-surfactant is propylene glycol n-butyl ether.
23. The process of claim 15 wherein the nonionic surfactant is present in the composition in an amount of from about 2.0 to about 4.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.
24. The process of claim 15 wherein the nonionic surfactant is an alkoxylate C₁₂₋₁₄ fatty alcohol alkoxylated with 3 moles of ethylene oxide and 6 moles of propylene oxide.
25. The process of claim 15 wherein the thickening agent is present in the composition in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 0.50% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

26. The process of claim 15 wherein the thickening agent is hydroxypropyl cellulose.
27. The process of claim 15 wherein the polar solvent is selected from the group consisting of benzyl alcohol, n-hexanol, a glycol phenyl ether, and mixtures thereof.
28. The process of claim 15 wherein the polar solvent is present in the composition in an amount of from about 6 to about 10% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.